

People First of Canada - Federal Financial Services Project

People First of Canada is working on a new project. We are doing a research project about federal financial services.

Our organization has 6 priorities. One of our priorities is the belief that people with a disability shouldn't have to live in poverty. They deserve an equal standard of living. Last year, we started a project that looks at this issue.



Name of Project

Our project is called, the **People First of Canada Federal Financial Services Project**. This is a research project about federal or national financial services. The project includes these financial services:

- **Disability Tax Credit**
- **Registered Disability Savings Plan**
- **Banking services**
- **Canada Disability Benefit**

What is our Project About?

We want to find out what barriers people with an intellectual or developmental disability have when they try to access certain federal financial services. We hope this project will help to make financial services more accessible for people with disabilities.

For this project we are going to look at these 4 federal financial services:

1. **Disability Tax Credit** - It's also called the DTC. This is a tax credit that people can claim if they or someone in their family has a disability. It can help decrease the amount of taxes you have to pay.
2. **Registered Disability Savings Plan** - We also call this an RDSP. This is a savings fund that you can open to put your money into. It's a way to save on your taxes and save for the future. With the RDSP, the government may also put some money into it and match what you put in.
3. **Canada Disability Benefit** – this is a new national benefit that will be paid to people with a disability each month.
4. **Personal Banking** – any kind of bank account that people might have. This is included because banks are controlled by federal policies.

Why are we Doing This Project?

We know these federal financial services exist, but they can also be really hard to get. We want to find out what challenges and barriers people with an intellectual or developmental disability have when they try to access these 4 federal financial services and products.

We are doing research to find these challenges and solutions, and then we will share that information. We are going to write **recommendations** for the government on how to make these services more accessible for people.

We are also going to provide recommendations to the government for how to make **better accessibility standards**. Accessibility standards are the rules and policies that the government makes to make sure that people are treated equally.

You can get involved in this project by visiting our website at www.peoplefirstofcanada/projects/federalfinancialservices